Jones Swears That in Patrick's Presence He Told House. Then His Lawyer, the Truth, Namely That He Killed Rice-This Was Before Official Series of Confessions.

OVER IT.

Valet Charles F. Jones swore before Justice Jerome vesterday on the examination of Patrick for murder that he told Lawyer Fred B. House in the presence of Patrick in the Tombs, and before telling Capt, Baker anything, that he, Jones, had murdered William M. Rice and that Patrick had assented to the statement. House was then Jones's counsel. At recess Assistant District Attorney Osborne, who brought out this statement on redirect examination, and Lawyer Moore, who objected to the inquiry as unprofessional. were near coming to blows over it.

All during the examination of Jones the trend of Moore's questions has been to show that Capt. Baker and the District Attorney Office, under the influence of Capt. Baker, have concected the story Jones is now telling The intimation has been that for the sake ! of money involved Jones had been employed to down Patrick and the will of June 30, 1900. When it came to the redirect examination of Jones Mr. Osborne asked him this question: "To whom did you first tell the story you have told here on the stand about Patrick?"

"To Mr. House," was the reply. Mr. Moore jumped to his feet and objected on the ground that whatever Jones had told House was immaterial. "Mr. House cannot deny this," argued Mr.

Moore. "Oh, yes, he can," replied the Judge. "Jones is not a lawyer, he is not Patrick's lawyer. He waives all privilege himself, and he has the right to tell anything which he may have told Mr. House or anybody else."

Mr. Moore asked for time to cite precedents, but the Justice said that he was entirely satisfied as to the law. Mr. Moore still argued, and Patrick kept fingering his beard and

whispering to his counsel.

"We would not do this now," said Mr.
Osborne, "if it had not been intimated that
we had concocted this story which the witness has told upon the stand"

"You needn't explain to me," said Moore
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"I'm not explaining to you; I'm talking to the Judge," said Osborne.
"You are doing an unprofessional act in making this witness testify to conversations he had with his attorney," insisted Mr Moore.
"That is a reflection upon the Judge, not me," retorted Mr. Osborne, "because he has already ruled that the evidence is admissible."

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At Mr. Osborne's request Jones then went on to say that he had first told House this story in the counsel chamber at the Tombs.

THE ALLEGED CONFESSIONS TO HOUSE.

"Mr. House asked us," he said, "if Mr. Rice had been murdered. At first I said that he had not been. Patrick then excused himself, and stepping to one side conferred with House. Then he called me to one side and told me that I had better tell House that I had committed the murder, but not for me to mix him up in it. I told him that I wouldn't tell it unless I told the truth. I then went back with Patrick to House and told House in Patrick's presence that I had given Rice the chloroform and the calomel. I told him the same story that I have told here. I told him that I put the mercurial pills where he could get hold of them. I told him where I got the chloroform and the mercury. I told him all about the oxalic acid just as I told it here. I am not sure that I told about Patrick's gray pills. Mr. House said that it wouldn't do for Patrick to lay it all on me, as the case showed on its face that he was connected with it."

"What did Patrick say?"

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"I wasn't insinuating against you," answered Moore, "it was Capt. Baker that I was referring to"
"Well, I think just as much of Capt. Baker's reputation as I do of my own," retorted Orborne.
"Well," said Moore, "I think it was a mean trick. I don't think it was fair to House, and I don't think it was professional. House can't go on the stand and deny it.
"Yes he can go on the stand," retorted Osborne. "Put him on the stand, if it isn't so, and let him deny it. I'd do it, if I was handling the case." handling the case "No, you wouldn't," said Moore, "and I can't and I wort. We don't try cases that way up country." Moore comes from Franklin

Well, don't come telling your troubles to "Well, don't come telling your troubles to me," said Osborne, "you've got your case all balled up and now you come 'round complaining to me. I don't want to hear your troubles, and I don't want you to come and tell me how to try my cases."

Moore got yerv white in the face and Osborne's hands began to tremble. Both men are big strapping fellows and the crowd in the court room formed a ring with eagerness, but all evaporated in talk.

MAYBE BICE WAS DEAD WHEN I CHLORO-

In his cross-examination of Jones at the opening of court, Moore had turned his attention to establishing the exact time of Jones's movements on the day of the alloged murder. Jones suid that the put Rice to bed about 4 o'clock and that the old man went to sleep about 5; Jones went to his dinner at about 5 and returned about 6 when he returned he saw Rice on the bed, but would not say whether he was then alive or not lie telephoned Patrick a little after a o'clock to meet him at Sixth avenue and Fifty-sixth to the total particle and meet him about 6. The anti-canal methods are supported by the control of the contr FORMED HIM. telephoned Patrick a liftle after a octoca to meet him at Sixth avenue and Fifty-sixth street, and Patrick did meet him between 6.45 and 7 o'clock. After their conversation about the necessity for the old man being put out of the way he obtained from Patrick the bottle of chloroform, returned to the flat and chloroformed the old man hie relierated even then that he did not know whether flice was dead or alive when he

servant at Rice's apartment, and Patrick after Patrick and Jones had returned from the police station the first time.

"When Patrick came into the bouse that afternoon," said Jones, "I told him to speak with the colored woman and to tell her who he was. He said he had spoken to her two or three times, but that he would speak with her again and caution her against talking. He asked Maria if she knew that she had been accused of poisoning Rice. This scared her greatly. Patrick told her that the story was that she had done it in the cooking, but Maria said this couldn't be because Mr. Rice did his own cooking. Patrick said that he'd look out for the employees who had not been cared for in the will."

Jones also testified that the usual names in which Patrick had telephoned to him were Curtis and Short.

Curtis and Short

Jones was in court after the recess, but as he was not wanted further Moore asked that he be retired and he was taken from the court room.

TELEPHONE GIRLS IN CORROBORATION. TELEPHONE GIRLS IN CORROBORATION.

The first two witnesses put on by Mr. Osborne in the afternoon to corroborate Jones's story were Lilian Sheerin, a telephone girl employed in the Thirty-eighth street central, and Nellie Mallet, employed in the same place. To each was shown a slip on which there appeared the record of a telephone call. The one shown to Miss Sheerin was identified by her as having been made by her. It showed that between 6 and 7 o'clock on the evening of Sent 28 last, the night of Rice's

showed that between 6 and 7 o'clock on the evening of Sept 23 last, the night of Rice's death, there was a call from 609—Thirty-eighth street to 1314 A—Columbus—The first number was the number of Mr. Rice's telephone and the seconi was the number of the telephone in the boarding house of Patrick. The hour corresponded with the testimony of Jones. Miss Mallet identified two similar slips, the one showing that between 8 and 9 o'clock of the evening of Sept 23 there had been a call from the Rice 'phone to Patrick and also between 10 and 11 o'clock of the same evening.

EXPERSE PACKAGES CAME FIRM TEXAS.

EXPRESS PACKAGES TAME FROM TEXAS.

Joseph F Biddell of 991 Second avenue and
George F Schmidt of 537 East Eighty-fifth

Joseph F Riddell of 991 Second avenue and George F Schmidt of 537 East Eighty-fifth street, drivers for the American Express Company, identified delivery sheets made out by them, respectively Biddell identified the sheet showing that on Aug 3 a two-pound package from Galveston, Tex, was delivered to Jones at Rice's house. Schmidt identified the sheet which showed that another package from Galveston had been delivered by him to Jones at the Rice house. These witnesses were in corroboration of Jones's statement that he obtained the poison from Texas. John H Wallace, paying teller of S M Swenson & Sons, followed with a detailed statement as to the effort of Patrick. Jones and Short to get a \$25,000 check certified on the day after Rice's death. He expressed the opinion that the \$25,000 check and also the \$65,000 check drawn against Swenson was a forgery. He was interrogated on cross-examination as to why he considered the signatures on these two checks a forgery and he was forced to go into an extended dissertation on handwriting. He talked about up strokes and down strokes and shadings and dots. "Now dots," he said, "dots have a great deal."

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He was sorry he said this before he got through, because Mr. Moore handed him a stack of cheeks three fingers high and made him give a character sketch of the dots over every i in each of the Rice signatures.

JONES'S PROPOSITION TO WETHERBEE AT THE NIGHT SESSION W O. Wetherbee, a clerk for the Swansons, testified to this visit to his home which Jones had detailed. The story was objected to by the defence as beresay as affecting Patrick Osborne declared that it was admissible as corrob rating one of the conspirators' testimony.

responsibility
After this wrangle Moore thought to ask the witness if he did not tell Jones that he wanted to be an executor of the will. The witness admitted that he had said that in response to a question to that effect from Jones, but this was prior to Jones's proposition. Capt. Baker is expected to testify to-day.

CANALS COMMITTEE STANDS 7 TO 5. Will Report Favorably Bill Submitting Canal

Appropriation to Popular Vote. ALBANY, N. V., April 9 -By a vote of 7 to 5 decided to report favorably to the Assembly to-morrow the bill providing for submitting to a vote of the people the question of spending \$28,000,000 for the improvement of the State canals. One anti-canal member of the committee, Mr. Gardner (Rep., Wyoming), was absent. The Canals Committee is composed of eight representatives of communities supposed to be in favor of canals, while five others come from counties that are opposed to canal improvement. One of Tammany's representatives on the committee,

men against reporting the bill, with Messrs Plank, St. Lawrence, S. W. Smith, Columbia; Swarts, Yates, and Salverds, Monroe (Reps.) Those who voted to report the bill were: Messrs T D Lewis, Oswego, O'Brien, Clinton Weber, Kings; Schneider, Eric; McQuade, Oneida (Reps): Geoghan, Eric, and Honecke,

The anti-canal men seem to regard the close vote in the committee and the fact that Mr. put out of the way be obtained from Patrick the bottle of chloreform, returned to the flat and chloreformed the old man. He relievated even then that he did not know whether flice was dead or alive when he put the chloreform to his face.

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CARNEGIE BILL PASSED.

MAYOR VAN WYCK. Butcher Shops to Close on Sunday-Senator Raines's Tax Bill In-No Monopoly of City Markets for Farmers - Assemblyman Kel-

sey Looking Out Sharply for "Sleepers." ALBANY, April 8.-Assemblyman Seymour's ill to permit New York city to accept the offer of Andrew Carnegie to give \$5,200,000 for public libraries under certain conditions passed the Senate to-day and now goes to Mayor Van Wyck. As the bill was drafted by Corporation Counsel Whalen, who was delegated with two others to perform the task by the Mayor, it is not likely he will

return it vetoed. By a vote of 41 to 5 the Senate passed Assemblyman O'Connell's bill, compelling butcher shops to close on Sunday. There was a long discussion on the bill. Senator McKinney said the bill would impose a hardship on poor people who now buy their meat on Sunday, not being able to buy ice so that they can keep their meat in good condition Saturday night, especially in the summer time. During Senator Grady's defence of the bill it was suggested by a wag that the oill was in the interest of the Ice Trust in New York city. Senators Davis, Feeter, Hill, Humphrey and McKinney (Reps.) voted against the bill, which now goes to the Governor and is to take effect next Sept. 1.

Senator Malby to-day succeeded in having imended Senator Ellsworth's bill providng for the appointment by the Appellate Division of the First Department of forty official referees for New York county. The bill provided that the referees were to be appointed between May 1 and 10, but the act was not to take effect until June 1. Senator Malby's amendment provides that the act take effect May 1.

Senator Raines (Rep., Ontario) to-day introduced his bill which he says will raise \$15 .-000,000 annually, more than two-thirds suffient to defray the expenses of the State Government, and which provides for an annual tax of one-fifth of 1 per cent upon all interest bearing documents, instruments, agreements, certificates, debentures, notes, shares of corporate stock, or any other evidence of indebtedness of any kind. The tax is to be levied upon all contracts which have been executed after Sept. 30, 1901. The bill provides that to each instrument executed there shall be attached a stamp, which stamp is to be paid for at the legal rate. The State Comptroller has jurisdiction in the matter of ssuing the stamps, and is to send them to each tax collector in the State. The collectors are to make an annual report of the number of stamps in their possession at the time of the report, together with the number they have disposed of. The tax collectors are to on all moneys received by them for distosing of the stamps. A person who executes a contract in violation of the corrob rating one of the conspirators testimony.

"If you will look at the will of 1900," he said,
"you will see that \$3.00 is left to Wetherbee to keep the would warrant any such bequest, and that it couldn't have got in there except through Patrick. It was an offer of \$5.00 for Wetherbee to keep his mouth shut. It is one of the strongest bits of corroboration in the whole case."

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The "sleepers" and "jokers" discovered a the New York city charter have caused tesemblyman Kelsey to be wary of legislation sent to him, and in order that he can scertain to his own satisfaction that there Assemblyman Kelsev to be wary of legislation soul to him, and in order that he can inscertian to his own satisfaction that there is no "ghost" concealed in the bill amending the Rapid Transit key for New York city, he had the bill, which was on the order of third reading in the Assembly, recommitted. The bill was sent to him by the Rapid Transit, Commission, but he has not had an opportunity to familiarize himself with its provisions.

Senator Malby's bill which defines more explicitly the violations of the elective franches and defines the penalties for such violations, as desired by Supt John McCullagh, passed the Assembly by a vote of 8 to 51.

Senator Davie's bill appropriating \$100,000 for the State Hospital for Consumptives in the Adfrondacks was advanced to a third reading in the Assembly, as was Senator Wilcox's bill providing for indeterminate sentences for persons convicted for the first time of a felony, the sentence for which shall not be more than five years.

Without comment the Senate ball submitting to a vote of the people next fall the question of spending \$29,000,000 for canni improvements. The bill was amended to provide that the Onesida feeder shall be included in the improvement and that the annual tax levy to pay the bonds each year shall be levied without further legislation.

Senator Elon R Brown of Watertown to-day introduced a bill empowering that city to establish a free public library with a donation.

sectator Flon R Brown of waterrown to-day introduced a bill empowering that city to establish a free public library with a donation of \$60.000, which the city is authorized to receive from Emma Flower Taylor, the only find of former Gov Roswell P Flower The city is bound to appropriate \$6,000 annually of the support of the library. The bill was ordered to a third reading without reference. Instigators of stock market manipulations

for the support of the library. The bill was ordered to a third reading without reference. Institutors of stock market manipulations through false rumors will be severely punished if a bill introduced to-day by Senator Domesiy becomes a law. It provides that any person, who attempts to make the credit, reputation or financial standing of any domestic corporation, or "who falsely institutes or threatens to mistrate or maintain an action against any domestic corporation," shall upon conviction be punished by a fine of not more than \$5.000 or by imprisonment for not more than three years or both.

There are more better Gov. Odell two bills of Senator Brakett, which liberalize the stock and general corporation laws. Assemblyman rish also introduced these bills. So that Mr Fish's name may be attached to one of them as laws the Senate to-day passed the Fish amendments to the Stock Corporation law and the bill now goes to the Governor.

The Senate passed these bills. Senator Rames's, providing that that section of the Ballroad law which false the time within which a railroad must be constructed shall not apply to any street surface railroad company incorporated prior to billy 1, 1895, which has obtained or become the owner of the consents of the local authorities of any city of the first or second class, given under article four of the Railroad law, to the use of puril, streets, avenues or highways for the construction or operation of the railroad thereal.

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"They had not," said Jones. Had the z to Patrick?"

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PATRICK SCARED THE SERVANT.

On his redirect examination Jones told of a conversation between Maria Scott, the

in that borough for 1898-99.

The Assembly passed these bills:
Mr Fancher's, releasing directors of foreign corporations from responsibility for acts of the corporation during their absence from LIBRARY MEASURE NOW GOES TO

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Senator Elsberg's, authorizing the exchange of some real property by New York
city now held for St. Nicholas Park and the
College of the City of New York.

Mr. Seymour's, legalizing the permits
granted by the New York city Park Commissioner in regard to projections on Central Park West Mr. Waite's, appropriating \$72,000 for improvements to the Quarantine Station at

Swinburne Island THAT \$160,000 NEWSPAPER GIFT. Bill Originally Was Assemblyman Vacheron's

McKeown Has an Amendment. ALBANY, April 9.- The members of the Legislature seem to be greatly surprised by the discovery of the far-reaching scope of the amendment inserted by the Assembly Cities Committee in the New York city Charter revision providing for the printing of corporate notices in the boroughs of Bronx, Queens and Richmond.

Early in the session Assemblyman Vacheron (Rep. Queens) introduced a bill providing for such printing and when the Charter was being revised by the Assembly Cities Comnittee the bill was offered for insertion

Mr. Kelsey, chairman of the Assembly Cities Committee, says the amendment was held up for some time as being unreasonable, but it was finally put in such shape, as he supposed, to simply provide that corporate notices affecting the boroughs of Bronx, Queens and Richmond should be inserted in two newspapers in each of the boroughs. It was contended that as the City Record was seldom seen by the people living in those poroughs it would be but just and equitable. n order to keep the people in those boroughs informed, that notices which affected simply hose horoughs should be printed in papers published in the boroughs affected. It was not intended, Mr. Kelsey says, that the corporate notices affecting the entire city or other portions of the city were to be published n those newspapers.

To-morrow Assemblyman McKeewn Dem, Kings) will introduce a bill amending the Charter so as to provide that instead of the corporation notices being published in four daily papers in Queens and two each in Richmond and Bronx boroughs, it shall be left discretionary with the city authorities whether such notices shall be published in one paper in each of the boroughs mentioned. Such an amendment would reduce the cost of such advertising from \$180,000. as contemplated in the new provision in the Charter, to not more than \$60,000 at the outside, while it is thought there would be a much greater reduction in the cost in this

Gov. Odell is not unaware of the numerous provisions of the Charter which have come to light as being objectionable, and while number of the members of the Legislaure have suggested that the provisions objected to might be corrected at this session by individual bills before the Legislature djourns, it was stated that as the Charter does not go into effect until Jan 1 next the provisions of the Charter which have caused the most criticism could be corrected early in January at the next session of the Legislature before much harm could come from the operation of such provisions.

MORIGAGE TAX BILL MAY PASS. Republican Legislators of That Opinion - Millions of Additional Revenue.

ALBANY, April 9.-With the passage of the Mortgage Tax bill by the legislature, which the prominent Republican Legislators are inclined to think will happen, it is expected that hereafter of the \$11,000,000 raised annually for State expenses by direct taxation only \$3,000,000 will have to be raised in that manner. The corporation tax bills which already are on the statute books will, it is believed,

ats: about \$3,000,000, while it is expected hat \$3,500,000 will flow into the treasury from Mortgage Tax law Then it is expected that he State's expenditures will be economized the extent of \$1,000,000 and that under the operation of the liberalized corporation laws passed by the present Legislature sufficient additional revenues will accrue to the State each year, so as to bring into the State Treasury an additional \$8,000,000 from indirect sources.

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To-dast the Senate Committee on Taxation decided to report favorably Senator Stranahan's Morrgage Tax bill in an amended form. The bill imposes a tax of one-half of 1 percent upon inortgages except those held by trust companies, savings, State and national banks, educational institutions, building and loan associations and these mortgages securing serial bonds, which are mortgages securing serial bonds, which are mortgages issued by corporations usually. An important amendment to the bill provides that one-third of the revenues received under this law shall go to the locality and two-thirds to the State Treasury. While no accurate estimate can be made as to how much this Mortgage Tax bill would raise each year, it is believed the amount will be between flye and six million dellars.

The Senate Committee on Taxation to-day, after an executive session, decided to report favorably Assemblyman M. E. Lewis's oill amending the General Corporation Franchise Tax laws. The committee has incorporated in the bill several material amendments. As the bill passed the Assembly it aroused much opposition. In the first place, the Senate Committee has amended the bill to relieve fire, marine, casualty and life insurance companies from the provisions of section 1st of the General Tax law, which imposes a license fee upon foreign corporations doing business here of one-eighth of 1 per cent otherwise section 1st remains as it passed the Assembly, is not changed except that this provision is inserted regarding the taxation of laundrying, manufacturing and mining corporations.

of laundrying, manufacturing and mining corporations:

But such a laundrying, manufacturing or mining corporation shall not be exempted from the payment of such tax, unless at least 40 per centum of the capital stock of such corporation is invested in property in this State and used by it in its laundrying, manufacturing or mining business in this State.

The effect of the section as thus amended is to exempt the companies which meet such requirements from the tax on its capital stock imposed by section 182

Injured in Syracuse Accident: Wants \$25.000. ALBANY, April 9. - The first claim arising from the accident at Syracuse on Saturday, in which a loaded trolley car fell through the James street bridge over the Oswego Canal, injuring nearly forty persons, was filed to-day with the State Court of Claims. The claimant is Charles W. Hull of 212 Crouse street, Syracuse, and he claims \$25,000 damages for personal injuries received in the accident.

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MON LAW UNION.

Weekes's Bill Now Goes to Governor for Signature - Its Object to Do Away With Blackmail and Secure Property Rights-Princinal Provisions - Vote in Senate, 28 to 8. ALBANY, April 9 .- By a vote of 28 to 8 the

Senate to-day passed Assemblyman Weekes's Common Law Marriage bill. The vote was as follows: Ayes-Ambler, Armstrong, Audett, Brackett, Brown, Cullen, Davis, Donnelly, Elsberg, Fuller, Goodsell, Hennessy, Hill, Krum,

Malby, Martin, McKinney, Mills, Plunkitt, Prime, Raines, Ramsperger, Slater, Trainor, Wagner, White, Wiley, Willard. Nays-Dowling, Ellsworth, Humphrey, McCarren, McEwan, Sherwood, Thornton,

Wilcox.

The bill now goes to Gov. Odell for his signature. The bill is to take effect on next Jan. 1. It is asserted that the main reason for the passage of the bill is that under the law as it now stands, after a man of wealth dies, even though he leaves a family, commor law wives spring up and contest the will, which action results in clouding the title to nillions of dollars' worth of property. Even when it is proved that they have no claim they have to be bought off.

Hereafter a common law marriage will not be recognized unless entered into through a written contract of marriage, signed by both parties, and at least two witnesses who shall subscribe to the same, stating the place of residence of each of the parties and witnesses, and the date and place of marriage. The contract must be acknowledged by the parties and witnesses in the manner required for the acknowledgement of a conveyance of real estate to entitle the same to be recorded. Such contract shall be filed within six months after its execution in the office of the Clerk of the town or city in which the marriage was solemnized The law provides that such contract, or a copy thereof, certified by the officer with whom it is filed, shall be presumptive evidence of the marriage.

The law further provides that no marriage claimed to have been contracted on or after Jan 1, within this State, otherwise than as herein provided, shall be valid for any purpose whatever; provided, however, that no such marriage shall be deemed or adjudged to be invalid, nor shall the validity thereof be n any way affected, on account of any want of authority in any person solemnizing the same if consummated with a full belief on the part of the persons so married, or either of them, that they were lawfully joined in mar-riage, or on account of any mistake in the date or place of marriage, or in the residence of either of the parties in case of a marriage solemnized under the common law marriage In discussing the bill Assemblyman Weekes

In discussing the bill Assemblyman weeks to-night said:

"The passage of the Common Law Marriage bill is the culmination of a two years' hard fight in the Legislature. The bill changes the fundamental law of the State and is probably the most important of any reform measure passed for a number of years by the Legislature.

"The bill does away with the so-called common law marriage after Jan. I. 1907, This form of marriage has been recognized in this State since 1809, and since that date as the population has increased, has led to more and more blackmail and more and more uncertainty as to property rights. Not only were the people held by the courts to a mar-

as the population has increased, has led to more and more blackmail and more and more uncertainty as to property rights. Not only were the people held by the couris to a marriage where a marriage was never contemplated, but very often where a marriage was supposed to exist, the parties have been declared in the courts not to have been man and wife. The important contract of marriage should never be left uncertain, more perhaps for the protection of this outrageous law has been demanded throughout the State, not only by all religious denominations, but by all lawyers, authors on the subject, and more especially by the women, who rightly complained that a form of marriage was recognized by the State which half the time they were unable to prove.

"The bill came up unexpectedly in the Senate this morning as it was on the third page of the calendar and was called up the first bill. Senators Cocks, Feeter, Foley, Green, Marshall, McCabe, Stewart and Sullivan, who favored the bill, were absent, and Senators McEwan, Sherwood and Wilcox, who were supposed to be in favor of the bill, unexpectedly voted against it.

"The Senators who opposed the bill who may be included in the eight who yeted

37 to 10, with Senator Grady not yet; Senator Russellill, and Senator Parsons de "Of course, my bill does not affect relations existing prior to Jan. 1, 1962; order to prove the important contract of

OFFICE OF MILITARY PHARMACIST. Gov. Odell Tells a Delegation That He Will Sign the Bill.

ALBANY, N. Y. April 9-A delegation representing the State and several local pharmaceutical associations appeared before Gov. Odell to-day and protested against a provision in the measure awaiting the Governor's signature which repeals an act of last year creating the offices of military pharmacist in regiments and battalions,

report Senator Mills's bill permitting the city of Mount Vernon to build an outlet sewer on empty into the Long Island Sound A one hearing was given on the bill in which I good deal of personal feeling was exhibited New Rochelle was strendously opposed to be bill and Assemblyman Cooley read petions and protests against the bill from yachtlubs, the New York Athletic Club, fishermen and others.

TO EXAMINE POLICE PROMOTIONS. State Civil Service Commission to Investigate Charges Here To-Day.

ALBANY, April 9 - The State Civil Service formission held an informal meeting here and decided to hold a further session in New York city to-morrow, when the comin New York (11) "-morrow, when the com-mission will probably take up the charges preferred by the Civil Service Reform Asso-ciation against the municipal commission affecting premotions in the New York Police Department and other alleged violations of the Civil Service law in that city.

ADJOURNMENT OF LEGISLATURE. A Date Between the 23d and 26th of April Decided I pon. ALBANY, April 0 - Only one thing definite

was decided to-day regarding the final ad-journment of the Legislature, that was that t will not be until some time during the week beginning April 22. It will be some date between the 23d and 26th, but just which lay has not been determined as yet. Highway Alliance Incorporated.

ALEANY, N. Y. April 9 The Highway

Alliance, an association formed to promote the construction of better highways in this State, was incorporated to-day. The principal office is in New York city. The directors are John T Brower, W H Hale, J B Thompson and J B Uhl of New York city. William M Thomas of Albany, C H Machin of Brooklyn, E F Hill and Joseph B See of Westchester county, and W P Judson of Oswego.

More Through Trains on the Bridge. Through train service will begin to-day on the Brooklyn Fifth avenue elevated from Bay Ridge, Borough Park and Bath Beach to Park row Heretofere, during the rush the passengers have been transferred

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BROADWAY, CORNER 26TH STREET, NEW YORK CITY. YONKERS CHARTER AMENDMENT.

Gov. Odell Will Sign the Measure Believes in Centralizing Responsibility. ALBANY, April 9 -Gov. Odell to-day, at

he close of a hearing on Senator Mills's bill amending the Yonkers charter, announced that he would sign the measure. The bill yests in the Mayor additional powers of appointment of city officials, and was occa-

sioned by the rejections by the Commor Council of nominations made by the Mayor in the past. The Governor was urged to sign the bill by Mayor Leslie Sutherland and by Senator Mills and was requested to withhold approval of it by Corporation Counsel Hunt and Alderman John H. Schlobohm

Gov. Odell took occasion to express strong views in favor of the principle of centring responsibility in a Mayor He said he thought such a thing was what a city needed above all else. Public epinion, he thought, had taken this course for some time. In not only the cities but in the State the same plan was eing adopted that citizens might have so ne to hold accountable. Favoring su entralization of power, he would

TO EXCHANGE CROOK PHOTOGRAPHS Effort to Be Made at the Police Convention to

Bring Detectives Closer Together. It is probable that at the meeting of the Association of Police Chiefs of the United States and Canada, which is to be held in this city in May, an effort will be made to arrange a system by which photographs and measurements of criminals will be exchanged by the

Hitchcock, George Kleinau of New York, William Muir of Brooklyn, and Frederick Schneider, Henry Schneider and Charles Apps of Troy. Gov. Odell said the amendment they objected to was only one of muit in the amended code bill and he could hardly be expected to yet o them all, which he would do if he dui not sign the bill. Inder the circumstances he would sign the bill.

MAY NOT SEWER INTO THE SOLYD.

Committee Will Not Report the Bill Giving Mount Vernon the Power.

ALBANY, N. Y., Abril 9—The Assembly Cities Committee to-night decided not to report Senator Mills's bill permitting the city.

Reprieve Granted to a Sick Man Under Sentence of Death. Boston, April 9.- The Executive Council

met this noon and by a unanimous vote recommended that the Governor grant a respite to Luigi Storti, now under the sen-tence of death at the State Prison, until May tence of death at the State Prison, until May 11. The Governor granted the respite, which is practically a thirty-days' reprieve. In his remarks before the Council Gov. Crane made it plain that his desire to grant the additional lease of life to the condemned man was due solely to the physical condition of the prisoner, and that nothing had come to him to cause him to change his belief that the murder was premedidated and done in cold blood.

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Indorse Schiere n as Candidate for Mayor. The Irish-American Republican Club of the Second Assembly district met at its headquarters, 70 Cliff street, host evening and Frederick Curtis made a speech in which he noninated the Hon Charles A. Schieren of Brooklyn as the anti-Tanmany candidate for Mayor. The club indersed the nomination and President James O'Shea appointed a committee to inform Mr. Schieren of what they had done

